have been classified as waste, (ii) how many acres as having in them a crop worth 2 annas and less and (iii) how many acres as having a crop worth above 2 annas but not more than 4 annas:

(*d*) whether the ryots of these villages submitted to the Government statements showing the actual loss suffered by them individually in these faslis and whether those statements were verified; and

(*e*) what relief the Government propose to grant these villages at least this year?

A.—(*a*) A copy of a petition on the subject submitted through the Collector of South Arcot has just been received by the Government.

(*b*) It is alleged in the petition that no special concessions have been granted.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) It does not appear that any such statements have been submitted to the Government.

(*e*) The Collector of South Arcot through whom the petition has been addressed will take the necessary action in accordance with the provisions of the Board's Standing Orders.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Sir, may I ask whether any special concession was shown to the ryots in the Tanjore district and, if so, why such concessions were not shown in the case of the ryots of the South Arcot district?"

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I must ask for notice."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"In answer to clause (*b*) it is said that no special concessions have been granted. I ask whether similar concessions have been granted in the case of the South Arcot district?"

Th Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I am afraid I must ask for notice of the question."

Electricity

Execution of an hydro-electric scheme in Vayittiri, Malabar.

* 804 *Q.*—Mr. P. M. THANGAL: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has ever been under the consideration of the Government to work up a hydro-electric scheme in Vayittiri for Malabar;

(*b*) whether any investigation was made in this direction;

(*c*) if so, whether any scheme has been prepared, and if so, what the estimated cost of the scheme is; and

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(*d*) if not, whether there is any proposal before the Government to investigate into the possibility of the supply of electricity to Malabar from Vayittiri?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A reconnaissance survey of two schemes in the Wynad was made by the Hydro-electric (now Electricity) Department previous to the submission of the Pykara scheme. One of these is the Thalipuzha scheme near Vayittiri. The collection of data on the river flow and rainfall in the area has been undertaken, a new measuring weir was constructed and the river gauged during the monsoon of 1932–33.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—" May I ask whether the investigation will be pursued by Government? "

The Hon. Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" Not immediately."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1934–35.

DEMAND XIII—JAILS—RESERVED.

* The Hon. the President:—" The discussion on Demand XIII will continue."

* Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" Mr. President, Sir, a great English statesman, I believe it was Mr. Winston Churchill, is reported to have said that the method of treatment of crime and criminals is one of the tests of the civilization of a country. Let us look for instance at the methods of prison administration adopted in a country like England to which we look up for inspiration and guidance in all matters of administration. Sir, the measures taken in England to keep offenders out of jail, to reform convicts who are received in jail during the term of their imprisonment and to watch over and aid the released prisoners to re-establish themselves as honest citizens, are said to have led to a great reduction in crime and diminution in the number of prisons in that country. Lieutenant-Colonel Cameron who was the Inspector-General of Prisons here for a number of years has expressed the view that our present system is by no means ideal and that without undue expenditure we can do much to improve our system of prison administration on modern penological lines with the object of reducing crime.

" The English system aims, in the first instance, at keeping certain classes of offenders out of jail. The Indian Jails Committee has said that all possible measures should be taken to avoid committing people to